

**MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, November 6, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, DeSaele, DiMaria, Drolet, Duzyj, Gielegthem, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts and Crouchman (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Haggerty.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Commissioner Bruley
Commissioner Joan Flynn
Commissioner Lund
Commissioner Slinde
Commissioner Szczepanski

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Duzyj, to approve the October 10, 2007 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**RECEIVE AND FILE FINAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION FROM C&S ENGINEERS
ON ROMEO STATE AIRPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY**

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Gielegthem, to receive and file the report and final study regarding Romeo State Airport from C&S Engineers.

Commissioners were provided with a 12-page document entitled, Romeo State Airport Feasibility Study Final Report-2007 that was prepared by C&S Engineers.

Commissioners were also provided with a three-ring binder containing the Full Report of the Romeo State Airport Feasibility Study that was prepared by C&S Engineers.

Mr. Robert Wheaton from C&S Engineers gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: Agenda, Feasibility Study Project Team, Scope of the Study, Project Timeline, Current Airport Organization, Existing Airport Management & Operational Agreement, Airport Inventory, Analysis of Airport Financial Data, Airport Operating Budget, Airport Improvements 1999-2006, How Airport Projects are Funded, Airport Economic Impact 2001-2006, Airport Development Alternatives Studied, Alternative #1 - No Build, Alternative #2 - Intermediate Build, Alternative #3 - Ultimate Development, Estimated Total 20-Year Operating Costs & Economic Impacts, Public Airport Owner Responsibilities, Similar Airports Financial Health, and Decision-Making Issues.

Mr. Rick Hammond from the State of Michigan gave a follow-up to Mr. Wheaton's report. Their intent is to press on with the plan outlined in the C&S report. He added that an answer from this Board would be appreciated, so they can press on with the development that is needed there.

Several questions were directed to Mr. Hammond and Mr. Wheaton. During discussion, Mr. Hammond noted that the current contract is not assignable.

During discussion, inquiry was made as to what the plans are for moving this forward as far as the decision-making process. Chair Vosburg thought within the next month or two, in all fairness to the state, that the Board needs to give them an answer.

Several questions were directed to Mr. Hammond and Mr. Wheaton.

Chair Vosburg informed commissioners that if they did not already have a copy of the report to please talk to Mr. Cassin. She asked that when commissioners are reviewing the report, that they take notes and get their questions to Mr. Cassin's office, because they will compile all of the questions on concerns commissioners have to bring to a future meeting to make a final decision.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

AWARD HOME FUNDS TO SOLID GROUND, INC. AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT COMMITTING THESE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE MACOMB HOME CONSORTIUM

Commissioner Rengert wanted an update, but because of the budget review process that will be taking place he wondered if this item should be pushed back for a month.

Mr. Mike Rozny recalled the presentation that was given by Solid Ground last month. He explained what this proposal entails and gave numerous reasons why he is recommending approval of this request.

Referring to the two-page memorandum from Mr. Cassin dated October 17, 2007 that was provided in committee packets, Mr. Rozny was asked to explain how the amount of funding requested works. Inquiry was made about how much money is in the fund, how match money works, how much has been spent on the project so far, how much private funding has gone into the project, if this money could be used for anything else, and what the ongoing expenses have been since 2001.

Several commissioners felt that this agenda item should be held off until they are provided with more answers.

Commissioner Gielegheem had numerous questions that he wanted answered. After stating them, Chair Vosburg requested that he pass them on to Mr. Cassin.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by DeSaele, to **postpone** this agenda item.
The Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE HUD RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION ON BEHALF OF THE MOUNT CLEMENS HOUSING COMMISSION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR CROUCHMAN TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE MOUNT CLEMENS HOUSING COMMISSION, HUD 7015.15, REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Rengert, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.
The Motion Carried.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter